

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004.

Claims 1 and 4 are amended and claim 21 has been added; as a result, claims 1-6 and 8-21 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 8 and 11-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,930) in view of Davis (U.S. Patent No. 4,959,774) and Prutchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,578,064). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,930) and (U.S. Patent No. 4,959,774) and Prutchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,578,064) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Hibernating and Resuming using a Compressed Memory Image", vol. 38, no. 8, August 1995, Page 73 (TDB).

The above rejections under section 103 are traversed for the record and applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications containing those claims. For purposes of the present application, however, applicant has amended claim 1 herein to incorporate certain limitations formerly recited by claim 4 and amended the latter claim accordingly. Applicant believes that claim 1, and the remaining claims in the case depending therefrom, are patentable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (847) 432-7302 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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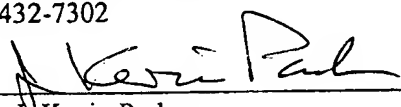
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